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GRADE ROOM LIBRARIES

A considerable number of superintendents and principals have asked that the Department prepare a short list of the best books for each grade, books that should be purchased first. This we are very glad to do because it is more important to have good grade room libraries than good libraries for the high schools, if both can not be had, for the following reasons:

- 1 All pupils are in the grades at some time.
- 2 Only a small portion of the whole ever enter the high school.
- 3 The pupils have more time for reading while in the grades than they will have when in the high school.
- 4 Reading habits like other habits are more readily acquired early in life.
- 5 A child who does not form the reading habit while in the grades is not likely ever to do so.

It should be borne in mind that books can not wisely be assigned to any one grade absolutely. Many books can be read to advantage in any one of several grades, and any book mentioned for a given grade may well be in a higher or lower grade in some schools than in others, and some pupils will read to advantage books at an earlier age than will others; therefore, a principal will be justified in putting some books in a higher or lower grade than that to which they are assigned in this list. Because of the difference in pupils in the same grade, some books are listed that are rather difficult for the grade, others rather easy for most of the pupils. Prices are not given, because they are changing so often. Publishers are given in all cases. Where several firms publish the same book or books, that publisher is named that has the book at a lower price, or better bound, or better printed, or better illustrated. With a few exceptions the books listed may be had at a moderate price. It will be well to get the edition named, as some publishers issue several editions of the same book, not all equally desirable.

To save cost no annotations are given. In most cases these may be found in Bulletin 692, a copy of which has been sent to every school district in the State. Additional copies will be sent on request.

An effort has been made in the selection of books to grade them so as to tend to lead to a gradual mental growth, and to cover a fairly wide range of literature. It is not to be expected that each child will read all the books listed for his grade.

Grade 1

As only a few of the pupils in this grade will do much reading, the books selected are mainly for the teacher's use, books that she may read to the children, and those that she will use for material for story telling.

Adelborg	Clean Peter	Longmans
Bailey & Lewis	For the Children's Hour	Bradley
Bryant	How to Tell Stories to Children	Houghton
Craik	Bow Wow and Mew Mew	Merrill
	Mother Goose Reader	Silver
Perkins	The Dutch Twins Primer	Houghton
Perrault	Tales of Mother Goose,	
	Welsh, tr.	Heath
Potter	Tale of Peter Rabbit	Warne
Wiggin & Smith	Tales of Laughter	Doubleday

Several primers made up of stories rather than of scrappy sentences.

Grade 2

In this grade children should become familiar with such "children's classics" as Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, and other tales as old as the language, stories that should be every English-speaking child's birthright.

Baldwin	Fairy Reader	Amer. Book Co.
	Fairy Stories and Fables	Amer. Book Co.
Howard, comp.	Banbury Cross Stories	Merrill
	Dick Whittington and Other Stories	Merrill
Lang	Jack the Giant Killer	Longmans
	Red Riding Hood and Other Stories	Longmans
Lucia	Peter and Polly in Spring	Amer. Book Co.
O'Shea, ed.	Six Nursery Classics	Heath
Perkins	The Eskimo Twins	Houghton

Scudder	Fables and Folk Stories	Houghton
Tileston	The Children's Hour	Little
Washburne	Old Fashioned Fairy Tales	Rand
Wiggin & Smith	Pinafore Palace	Grosset

Grade 3

In the preceding grades have been presented such "children's classics" as Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Mother Goose, Puss in Boots, Red Riding Hood, Dick Whittington, Jack the Giant Killer and some fairy tales. In this grade will be given more fairy stories, and a variety of reading that has long been recognized as being the best for children.

Andersen	Best Fairy Tales. Henderson, <i>ed.</i>	Rand
Baldwin	Fifty Famous Stories Retold	Amer. Book Co.
Baldwin, <i>ed.</i>	Gulliver's Travels Retold	Amer. Book Co.
Bannerman	Story of Little Black Sambo	Stokes
Bass	Nature Stories for Young Readers	Heath
Chaplin	A Treasury of Old Fairy Tales	Crowell
Cox	The Brownie Primer	Century
Eggleston	Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans	Amer. Book Co.
Fox	Indian Primer	Amer. Book Co.
Grimm Brothers	Household Tales	Houghton
Grover	Kittens and Cats	Houghton
Jones & Weimer	Chats in the Zoo	Rand
Lansing	Rhymes and Stories	Ginn
Mulock	Adventures of a Brownie	Rand
O'Shea	Old World Wonder Stories	Heath
Seegmiller	Little Rhymes for Little Readers	Rand
Shaw	Big People and Little People of Other Lands	Amer. Book Co.
Wiggin & Smith	The Posy Ring	Grosset
Wiltse	Hero Folks of Ancient Britain	Ginn

Grade 4

All children in the grades should become well acquainted with such fairy stories, folk tales, allegories, legends, myths and epic poems as are necessary to the understanding of general literature

on account of references to the characters and ideas represented in these writings that have become a part of the world literature. These should include among others, Pilgrim's Progress, Robin Hood, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, the stories of the Iliad and the Odyssey, and Greek, Roman and Norse myths.

Baldwin	Old Greek Stories	Amer. Book Co.
<hr/>	Thirty More Famous Stories	
	Retold	Amer. Book Co.
Browne	Granny's Wonderful Chair	Heath
Browning	The Pied Piper	Rand
Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Ginn
Clement	The Night before Christmas	Dutton
DeFoe	Robinson Crusoe	Grosset
Hale	Arabian Nights	Ginn
Hawthorne	Wonder Book (Riverside Literature series)	Houghton
Jackson	Letters from a Cat	Little
Judd	Classic Myths	Rand
Kingsley	Greek Heroes	Ginn
Kipling	The Jungle Book	Century
Lansing	Tales of Old England	Ginn
Lucia	Stories of American Discoverers for Little Americans	Amer. Book Co.
Mabie, ed.	Fairy Tales that Every Child Should Know	Grosset
Richards	The Pig Brother	Little
Ruskin	King of the Golden River	Heath
Skinner	Tales and plays of Robin Hood	Amer. Book Co.

Instead of adding to the number of different books for this grade it will probably be better for a time to get duplicate copies of those that are most popular, as when a child has read a book that he likes he talks to his mates about it and they want it, and want it at once.

Grade 5

Allen	Joe the Circus Boy	Page
Baldwin	Abraham Lincoln	Amer. Book Co.
<hr/>	American Book of Golden Deeds	Amer. Book Co.

Baldwin	John Bunyan's Dream Story	Amer. Book Co.
————	Stories of the King	Amer. Book Co.
Blaisdell & Ball	Heroic Deeds of American Sailors	Little
Brown	In the Days of Giants (Riverside Literature ser.)	Houghton
Burt & Cable	Eugene Field Book (School Reading)	Scribner
Carpenter	Around the World With Children	Amer. Book Co.
————	Geographical Reader of North America	Amer. Book Co.
Chamberlain	How We Are Fed	Macmillan
Daulton	Wings and Stings	Rand
Dickens	Christmas Carol	Rand
Eggleston	First Book in American History	Amer. Book Co.
George, ed.	Hiawatha Reader	Lakeside Book Co.
Hawthorne	Tanglewood Tales (River- side Literature series)	Houghton
Horton	The Frozen North	Heath
Jacobs, ed.	Aesop's Fables	Macmillan
Kipling	Just So Stories	Doubleday
Lansing	Life in the Greenwood	Ginn
Luther	Trading and Exploring	Amer. Book Co.
Mace	Lincoln, the Man of the People	Rand
————	Washington, a Virginia Cavalier	Rand
Matthews	The Seven Champions of Christendom	Ginn
Miller	First Book of Birds (School ed.)	Houghton
Morley	Little Wanderers	Ginn
Oswell, ed.	Old Time Tales	Macmillan
Otis	Toby Tyler	Harper
Ouida	The Dog of Flanders	Lippincott
Pumphrey	Pilgrim Stories	Rand
Saunders	Beautiful Joe	Barnes
Scudder, ed.	Book of Legends (Riverside Literature series)	Houghton
Seawell	Black Beauty	Crowell

Seton	Krag and Johnny Bear (School readings)	Scribner
Sherman	Little Folk's Lyrics (School ed.)	Houghton
Stowe	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Grosset
Warren	Robin Hood and His Merry Men	Rand
Weed	Story of Insect Life. First series	Ginn
Wiggin	Birds' Christmas Carol	Houghton
Woods	Child's Day	Houghton
Wyss	Swiss Family Robinson	Grosset

Grade 6

It is in the fifth and sixth grades that there is more time for reading than there is later, and more taste for it than in the earlier grades; therefore it is in these grades that the most and best work can be done in creating a love for good books.

Allen	South America	Ginn
Alshouse	Heroes of the Nations	Macmillan
Bowman	South America	Rand
Bradish	Old Norse Stories	Amer. Book Co.
Bullen	Cruise of the Cachelot	Grosset
Burroughs	Bird Stories (School ed.)	Houghton
_____	Squirrels and Other Fur Bearers (School ed.)	Houghton
Burt, ed.	Poems Every Child Should Know	Grosset
Burt & Chapin, <i>eds.</i>	Kipling Stories	Doubleday
Carpenter	Africa	Amer. Book Co.
_____	Europe	Amer. Book Co.
_____	How the World Is Clothed	Amer. Book Co.
_____	How the World Is Fed	Amer. Book Co.
Church	The Iliad for Boys and Girls	Macmillan
_____	The Odyssey for Boys and Girls	Macmillan
Crommelin	Famous Legends Adapted to Children	Century
Dickson	Pioneers and Patriots in Early American History	Macmillan

Hathaway	Napoleon, the Little Corsi- can	Rand
Hughes	Tom Brown's School Days	Harper
Jewett	Good Health	Ginn
Kupfer	Stories of Long Ago	Heath
Long	Ways of Wood Folk	Ginn
Marden	Stories From Life	Amer. Book Co.
Martineau	The Peasant and the Prince	Ginn
Ouida	The Nurnberg Stove	Lippincott
Page	Santa Claus' Partner	Scribner
Piercy	Great Inventions and Dis- coveries	Merrill
Price	Wandering Heroes	Silver
Pyle	Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood (School ed.)	Scribner
Riley	Child Rhymes	Grosset
Stevenson	A Child's Garden of Verses (New ed.)	Scribner
Tappan	Stories From the Odyssey	Houghton
Underwood	Heroes of Conquest and Empire	Macmillan
Whitcomb	Heroes of History	Merrill
Wiggin	Polly Oliver's Problem (Riverside Literature series)	Houghton

Grade 7

Alcott	Little Women	Little
Altsheler	The Riflemen of the Ohio	Appleton
	The Shadow of the North	Appleton
Arnold	Stories of Ancient Peoples	Amer. Book Co.
Austin	Betty Alden	Houghton
Barbour	The Crimson Sweater	Century
Bemis & others	The Patriotic Reader	Houghton
Bishop	Panama Past and Present	Century
Brewer	Rural Hygiene	Lippincott
Bruce	Daniel Boone and the Wil- derness Road	Macmillan
Bryant	I Am an American	Houghton
Churchill	The Crossing	Grosset
Clemens	Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Harper

Conn	Bacteria, Yeasts and Molds in the Home	Ginn
Cooper	The Spy (Riverside ed.)	Houghton
Eggleston	The Hoosier Schoolmaster	Grosset
Franklin	Autobiography. Ed. by Aiton	Rand
Goldsmith	The Deserted Village	Ginn
Gordy	American Leaders and Heroes	Scribner
Goss	Life of Grant for Boys and Girls	Crowell
Grey	The Young Pitcher	Harper
Griswold	Deering of Deal	Macmillan
Gulick	Emergencies	Ginn
Hagedorn	You Are the Hope of the World	Macmillan
Henty	Under Drake's Flag	Scribner
Irving	Rip Van Winkle (Laurel series)	Crowell
Kipling	Captains Courageous	Century
Lansing	Barbarian and Noble	Ginn
	Page, Esquire and Knight	Ginn
Malory	King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table	Macmillan
Mason	Tom Strong, Washington's Scout	Grosset
Mathewson	Pitching in a Pinch	Grosset
Parkman	Heroes of Today	Century
Proctor	The Giant Sun and His Family	Silver
Redway	All Around Asia	Scribner
Reid	Afloat in the Forest	Dutton
Scott	The Talisman	Ginn
Starr	Strange Peoples	Heath
Stevenson	A Soldier of Virginia	Houghton
Sutcliffe	Robert Fulton	Macmillan
Tappan	Old World Hero Stories	Houghton
	When Knights Were Bold	Houghton
Tomlinson	The Fort in the Forest	Grosset
Tooker	John Paul Jones	Macmillan
True	Morgan's Men	Little

Wade	Pilgrims of Today	Little
Webster	Daddy-Long-Legs	Century
Wiggin	Mother Cary's Chickens	Grosset
Williams	Some Successful Americans	Ginn
—————	Stories from Early New York History	Scribner

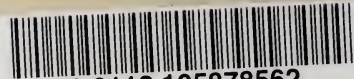
Grade 8

History and biography which were made prominent in the preceding grade are continued in this, but general literature is also given considerable attention.

Altsheler	The Herald of the West	Appleton
Ashmun	Isabel Carleton's Year	Macmillan
Bolton	Girls Who Became Famous	Crowell
Burgess	Boy Scouts of Woodcraft Camp	Penn
Burnett	The Secret Garden	Stokes
Chambers	Cardigan	Harper
Churchill	The Crisis	Grosset
Conn	Story of Germ Life	Appleton
Cooper	The Last of the Mohicans	Heath
Deming & Bemis	Stories of Patriotism	Houghton
Earle	Home Life in Colonial Days	Grosset
Eliot	Silas Marner	Ginn
Erckman & Chat- rain	The Conscript	Grosset
Frederic	In the Valley	Scribner
Griffis	The Story of New Nether- land	Houghton
Guerber	Legends of the Middle Ages	Amer. Book Co.
Hale	A Man Without a Country	Little
Hagedorn	Boy's Life of Theodore Roosevelt	Harper
Hall	Boys of Scrooby	Houghton
Halsey	The Old New York Frontier	Scribner
Holland	Historic Inventions	Jacobs
Irving	Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Laurel series)	Crowell
—————	Tales from the Alhambra	Ginn
Kingsley	Westward Ho!	Macmillan
Longfellow	Evangeline	Merrill

Lorimer	Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son	Grosset
Lowell	Vision of Sir Launfal	Houghton
Macaulay	Lays of Ancient Rome	Merrill
Marden	The Exceptional Employee	Crowell
Maynard	Elliott Gray, Jr	Grosset
Mitchell	Hugh Wynne	Century
-----	The Youth of Washington	Century
Mulock	John Halifax, Gentleman	Crowell
Nicolay	Boy's Life of Abraham Lincoln	Century
Parkman	Heroines of Service	Century
-----	Rivals for America (Hastbrouck ed.)	Little
Poe	The Gold Bug (Gildmaster ed.)	Rand
Proctor	Stories of Starland	Silver
Reynolds	How Man Conquered Nature	Macmillan
Scott	Ivanhoe	Merrill
Sharp	The Ways of the Woods	Houghton
Tappan	American Hero Stories (School ed.)	Houghton
-----	In the Days of William the Conqueror	Lathrop
Van Dyke	The Mansion	Harper
Wade	The Wonder Workers	Little
Whittier	Snow Bound	Houghton
Wiggin & Smith	Golden Numbers	Grosset
Williams	How It Is Made	Nelson
Wister	The Virginian	Macmillan





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